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SUBJECT: MULTINATIONAL ENRICHMENT IN AUSTRALIA

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1. PARA 5 OF REFTEL REQUESTS US TO TAKE PUBLIC NOTICE OF
GOA PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO THE CONCEPT OF MULTINATIONALITY OF
ANY AUSTRALIAN ENRICHMENT PLANT.

2. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ON DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST SOLICITED
INFORMATION FROM GOA REGARDING ANY PUBLIC AUSTRALIAN STATE-
MENTS ON MULTINATIONAL ENRICHMENT. RESPONSE WAS TWOFOLD:

- THAT THE STATEMENT WAS CAST IN TERMS OF NEED OF
CAPITAL, ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AND MARKET OUTLETS RATHER THAN
IN ANY OTHER TERMS;

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- THAT QUOTE: A POLICY DECISION HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN
TAKEN TO PLACE ANY FUTURE ENRICHMENT FACILITY IN AUSTRALIA
UNDER MULTINATIONAL CONTROL SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED AS A NON-
PROLIFERATION MEASURE. UNQUOTE. FURTHER, THAT THE QUESTION
OF MULTINATIONALITY WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THE
US WOULD BE INFORMED WHEN A DECISION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL
WAS TAKEN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GIVEN THE AMBIGUITY OF THE AUSTRALIAN STATEMENTS WE HAVE ABSTAINED FROM ANY ENDORSEMENTS AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. CLARIFICATION OF PRECISELY WHAT EMBASSY CANBERRA UNDERSTANDS THE CASE TO BE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. PLEASE CABLE TEXT IF ANY EXISTS OF ANNOUNCEMENTS MENTIONED REFTEL. VANCE

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